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(Case No. 99,576-A)

PATENT

In the Application of:

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Examiner: Deborah A. Davis

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Homogeneous Assay For Deoxynivalenol
In GrainsCommissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION MAILED OCTOBER 17, 2002

Dear Examiner:

In response to the Office Action mailed October 17, 2002, please consider the following remarks.

REMARKS

In the Office Action mailed October 17, 2002, the Examiner rejected claims 1, 4-6, and 9-11 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Nasir et al., *Combinatorial Chemistry & High Throughput Screening* ("Nasir") in view of Pestka et al., *Food Technology* ("Pestka"), rejected claims 2 and 7 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Nasir, in view of Pestka, and further in view of Michel et al., U.S. Patent No. 5,741,654 ("Michel"), and rejected

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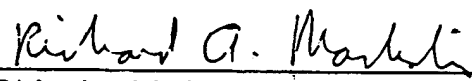
Dear Sir:

In regard to the above identified application,

1. We are transmitting herewith the attached:
 - a) Response to Office Action Mailed October 17, 2002
 - b) Return Receipt Postcard
2. With respect to fees:
 - a) Please charge any underpayment or credit any overpayment our Deposit Account, No. 13-2490.
3. **CERTIFICATE OF MAILING UNDER 37 CFR § 1.10:** The undersigned hereby certifies that this Transmittal Letter and the paper, as described in paragraph 1 hereinabove, are being deposited with the United States Postal Service with sufficient postage as Express Mail Service, **EV214220673**, in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner for Patents, Washington, D.C. 20231 on this 17th day of January, 2003.

Respectfully submitted,

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